By-pass at N.H. 52

1963. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA : Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) the states of implementation of North Lakhimpur By-pass at N.H. 52;

(b) the financial allocation made for the project during Ninth Plan and the current financial year; and

(c) the target fixed for completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN) : (a) Assam Public Works Department was suggested to examine the feasibility for alignment on the Southern Side of existing National Highway. Modified alignment plan is still awaited.

(b) and (c) There is no provision for North Lakhimpur Bypass in Annual Plan 1997-98. The 9th Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised. As such, it is too early to indicate a specific target for this work.

Teesta Barrage Project

1964. SHRI AMAR ROYPRADHAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question No. 1318 of July 7, 1996 and state :

(a) the percentage of work completed in respect of Teesta Barrage Project in West Bengal;

(b) the area being irrigated by this project;

(c) whether the progress of work is not satisfactory; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) Presently Sub-State-I of Stage-I of Teesta Barrage Project (Phase-I) is under execution. The present stage of construction of different components of the Projects as on March, 1997 is as below :-

1.	Teesta Barrage	Completed
2.	Mahananda Barrage	"
3.	Dauk Barrage	"
4.	Teesta Mahananda Link Canal	"
5.	Mahananda Main Canal	"
6.	Dauk Nagar Main canal	66%
7.	Nagar Tangon Main canal	0%
8.	Teesta Jaldhake Main canal	55%
9.	Distribution system	25%

(b) to (d) Against an ultimate irrigation potential of 527000 ha. a potential of 99610 ha. was likely to be created by June, 1997.

[Translation]

Irrigation Projects in Tribal and Backward Areas of Gujarat

1965. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to refer to the reply given to USQ No. 2231 dated March 10, 1997 and state :

(a) whether the required information has since been collected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the time by which it is likely to be collected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA) : (a) Yes, Sir, and the assurance was fulfilled May, 97.

(b) A Statement is attached.

(c) Does not arise.

Statement

Two major and seventeen medium (enclosed as Annexure) and various minor irrigation works have been taken-up in tribal area of Gujarat during the last three years. Moreover various minor irrigation works have also been taken up in the backward area in the State of Gujarat.

No Central Assistance has been provided by the Govt. of India for Major & Medium Irrigation Schemes. However special central assistance provided for Minor Irrigation works in tribal areas of Gujarat for the last three years is as under :-

Year	Amount of Central Assistance (Rs. in lakhs)
1994-95	200
1995-96	200
1996-97	200

The Minor Irrigation works in progress as on date are as under :-

S.No.	Name of Schemes	No. of Works
1.	Minor Irrigation Schemes	13
2.	Percolation tanks	8
3.	Check dams	34
4.	Lift Irrigation Schemes	6

The Medium irrigation schemes in progress are planned to be completed in the next three years of the IXth Five Year Plan (1997-2002), whereas all the minor irrigation schemes in progress as on date are planned to be completed during 1997-98.